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Gingrich Urges Political Importance of Coming-Out

By Brian J. Todd

For gays and lesbians, the "ultimate political experience" is to come out and admit their sexual orientation, said Candace Gingrich, sister of House Speaker Newt Gingrich. She spoke Saturday at the City Auditorium Convention Center for National Coming-Out Day in Omaha.

Gingrich, a spokeswoman for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, a gay and lesbian activist organization, told a crowd of about 150 that she was on a 54-city tour, "promoting the values of honesty and openness about being lesbian and gay," she said, "and urging people to get involved in the effort to educate Congress about the problems of discrimination and lack of equal rights for gays and lesbians. 'America is way ahead of Congress on this issue,' Gingrich said when she referred to a March 1994 poll that said that 77 percent of American voters agreed that gays and lesbians should not be discriminated against on the job.

She also said the same poll showed that the vast majority of Americans did not know job discrimination against gays and lesbians was legal.

Gingrich said coming-out is important for the gay movement because Americans who know someone who is gay are more likely to support equal rights for gay people.

As more and more people do come out, Gingrich said, the task of educating the public about the discrimination that exists and the need for a change becomes easier, because more people see the truths and not the misconceptions about being gay or lesbian.

However, Gingrich said, "I don't condemn anyone for not coming-out, because I know that for myself it was a very personal and difficult journey."

She said there were three coming-outs in her life.

The first coming-out, Gingrich said, was to admit to herself that she was a lesbian. She said that speaking with other lesbians while attending college helped her realize what she felt was normal and natural.



Candace Gingrich

Her second coming-out was for her family. While home from school for the summer, Gingrich said, her mother found a copy of the *Lavender Letter*, a lesbian newsletter, in her room, which prompted Gingrich to open up to her family about her sexual orientation.

She said her relationship with her family did not change significantly after she had admitted her homosexuality.

Her third coming-out came in Fall 1994 just after her brother had been elected Speaker of the House. Her mother had showed a reporter a photograph of Ms. Gingrich from her senior year of high school, she said. The photograph showed a young woman with long hair and makeup.

Gingrich said her mother refused to show the reporter a more recent picture, so the reporter called her and set up a face-to-face interview. Her crew cut and lack of makeup led the reporter to ask her if she was a lesbian,

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Black Panther Leader Relays World's Ugly Condition to UNO

By Beth Warner

Sister Hadaasha Maryum, founder of the Des Moines Black Panther Party, told a group of more than 60 people to look inward and ask themselves, "What is it about me that makes me unconcerned about the world's condition?"

Maryum spoke Thursday in the Student Center Gallery Room.

The speech was sponsored by Issues and Ideas, a division of the Student Programming Organization.

Maryum began her speech by saying, "I am a person who believes in God," and she continued with a prayer. Maryum said she was a Muslim, but not with the Nation of Islam.

Maryum addressed a wide variety of topics during her 90-minute speech, including: Halloween, the Million Man March, her history with the Black Panther Party, the Franklin Credit Union scandal, the economy, religion, government experiments, the media and Charles Manson.

She also addressed the deaths of Malcolm X, the Rev. Martin Luther King, John F. Kennedy, Robert Kennedy and Huey P. Newton.

Maryum said the Million Man March was a celebration and a day of atonement. She

said it was a day to pray and fast. She asked the audience if anyone had abstained from spending money on that day adding, "If you're a college student like I was, you don't have any money anyway."

Maryum said she became involved with the Black Panther Party in Los Angeles in 1967. She said that since she became involved with the group she has found herself all over the world. She said the world is in a very ugly situation and that many people are dying.

Maryum questioned the audience throughout her speech. Before talking about a subject she asked the audience if they were familiar with the topic.

Maryum said she noticed a lot of Halloween displays around campus and said they were "disgusting."

She asked the audience if anyone knew of the origins of Halloween.

She said if one was to research them they would learn that Halloween is a satanic holiday. She asked the audience why one would celebrate child molestation, murder and summoning up demons. She said Halloween has included human sacrifice, grave-robbing and

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BOO!



—SR Kemper

Charles Langer, 2, son of Margurite Langer, enjoys a Halloween party Saturday. The United Way Youth Leadership Committee put on the party for youngsters in the Salvation Army shelter as part of "Make a Difference Day," which promoted area volunteering efforts.

Administrative Search Continues

By Beth Warner

From advertising to interviews, the search to fill three UNO administrative vacancies continues.

Candidates for vice chancellor for student services and enrollment management have been narrowed to a list of three. On-campus interviews will take place from early to mid-November, said Ernest Peck, vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean of Graduate Studies and Research.

Peck said two of the candidates are from off-campus, the other is from UNO.

Peck said that each of the candidates will be interviewed for a full day and a half, from 7:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. the first day, and from 7:30 a.m. until noon the second day. Peck said many people will be involved in interviewing the candidates. The following are

some of the groups the candidates will interview with during their visit, Peck said.

The search committee, comprises 12 members, including faculty, staff, an undergraduate and a graduate student. Peck is chair of the committee.

Candidates will also be interviewed at an open meeting for faculty and staff; an open meeting for students; a group from student services; and a smaller group of constituents who may work with the prospective vice chancellor. The chancellor will also interview and make recommendations about each of the candidates.

The search for vice chancellor for student services and enrollment management began

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Happy Halloween

From The Gateway

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Halloween is About Fun, Not Racism and Sexism

I remember when I was a kid, how excited I was when Halloween came. Getting dressed up as a ghost or Luke Skywalker or some other hero was such a thrill.

I always wanted to have the best costume in the class, but I always seemed to lose out to one of the other kids whose parents had more money than mine.

But getting dressed up was not the only good time. Drawing pictures of witches, telling stories of vampires, decorating the house with devils and bats, all made me feel so excited.

Even through high school the season affected me. It was fun, a time to be something totally different from yourself.

I hope my kids will be able to have the same experience, but the way our society has become, it appears my hopes may be in vain.

In our hopes to become a more equal society, political correctness has run rampant and destroyed the fabric of anything and everything that used to make Halloween fun.

It's not fun anymore because the p.c. warlords have decided (once again) to make an issue out of everything, and it saddens and sickens me.

Everything has become offensive. Dressing up as witches, vampires or devils is supposed to be a hint now for something mystic or evil. Girls can't be Pocahontas because it would be offensive to Native Americans.

Being a hunchback or even Jason from "Friday the 13th" is disrespectful to mentally handicapped or physically challenged people.

I believe the world is losing its mind.

In an effort to become more equal, society has focused on words. Words are bad. You can't say chairman, it's sexist. Say chairperson. You can't say Indian, it's racist. Say Native American. You can't say handicapped, it's derogatory. Say physically challenged or handicapped. Someone in a class even told me that manager (my job title) was disrespectful because it had the word man in there, as if womanizer or personizer would make sense.

We, as a society, have lost sight of the fact that it is not the

words that are disrespectful, but the attitudes of people. The words don't need to be changed — the people do.

People aren't going to change their racist beliefs by saying African American instead of black. Just because a woman becomes a chairperson doesn't mean the old boys' network is going to think of her any different.

The problem is that too many people focus on the words that they lose sight of the issue. The issue is racism and sexism.

And we are taking it out on the wrong people. Kids are not striking out to be racist or satanic this Halloween. They want to dress up, go door to door and get some candy. They want to have fun. Let's not forget that.

Little girls dressed as Pocahontas are not racist. They are not trying to slam on Native Americans or poke fun at them in any way.

I think we need to grow up a little and not worry so much about name-calling, and pay more attention to what really is troubling our society. It's not kids in costumes and it's not Halloween.

Jonathan Murnane

Staff Editorial



TV Host Talks Out of Both Sides of Mouth

Flipping through the channels a couple weeks ago, I noticed a homemade-looking talk show on the public access channel. It was hosted by an African American named Tariq Al-amin, who happens to be an Omaha police officer. And the topic was AIDS.

The program was not just about AIDS, mind you, but how the white government created the AIDS virus in an effort to get rid of the undesirables, such as African Americans, gays and drug users. He went on to rant and rave about the subject for a good half-hour. I just sat there in awe at how much crap he was spewing.

His one source for this information was a doctor who supposedly took part in this government program and wrote a book about it later.

I was half tempted to call the number on the television screen and see what this guy's problem was, but I doubted I could have made any sense to him. I had a good share of questions I would have liked to put to him, such as why would the government spend money to create a disease that it wouldn't be able to control later? Or how could the government create a disease that would target a specific group of people without it getting into the general population? These seemed like commonsense questions he should have thought of before going on the air.

Despite all of his conspiracy claims, he said that at times, "We must love the brother man, and the other man."

After listening to the rest of his commentary about how the white man's only goal is to oppress the black man, he signed off. But the most disturbing part of the show came after the credits rolled by. He had a recording of some woman preaching him as the all-knowing, and that his words were to be believed. Then, some hate-rap music played behind a montage of photos depicting

Malcolm X and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. being shot, pictures of Ku Klux Klan leaders standing around a burning cross and a photo of smiling white men standing around the body of a white man burning in flames.

As the show's finale, Al-amin, wearing a black beret and holding a shotgun, charges the camera.

My problem is the kind of message this program gives. He said he wants racial equality and for the races to live in peace, yet he does the opposite. The only thing I see him doing is creating a lot of paranoia. He says that African Americans should not trust the government and that they should use whatever means necessary to defend themselves. It makes me wonder what this show's true intentions are.

Bryan Moseley
Columnist

Al-amin's program has ruffled some feathers in the past. He is currently appealing a suspension from the force because of some unflattering remarks he made about the Omaha Police Department in a show following the death of Police Officer Jimmy Wilson Jr.

I can see why the Omaha Police Department suspended him. It said the show was detrimental to the force's morale. And all of this from someone who is supposed to be a defender of peace. I think he perpetuates the problem more than he does any good.

I must say that I am not a racist. I agree in equality for the African-American race, but I believe Al-amin is going about it the wrong way. I am only commenting on what I know — and see.

So, if you are ever flipping through the channels on Thursday night and happen to see Al-amin preaching his words of wisdom, put on something with a little more meaning, maybe "Beavis and Butthead."

Halloween Memories Bring Concern for Holiday's Future

"BOO!"

"Hee hee hee! Come here, my pretty!"

"EEEEaaarghh! Prepare to die!"

The blood-curdling, shrieking threats from a band of marauding "big kids" running toward me, no doubt to further terrorize me and steal my prized cache of candy, left me paralyzed in my black vinyl platform boots. My first reaction, as Casper, Witchie-Poo and Captain Hook got perilously closer, was to hurl my pillowcase in their direction. I tried to convince myself that my physical well-being was more important than a bag full of eventual stomach aches and cavities. Right. I silently thanked Mom for reminding me to

"go" before leaving the house, and waited, dumbfounded, for inevitable pain and humiliation.

"Hey, matey! You dropped your candy!" The ghost and witch stealthily running past me to join a vampire acquaintance a couple

doors down, left behind their somewhat pudgy pirate comrade as sole witness to my cowardice. As I sheepishly bent down to retrieve my treats, the adrenaline rush from mortal fear, compounded by the relief of realizing I'd been spared, proved too much. My 10-year-old knees buckled, and I found myself sprawling sidelong across Mrs. Cosgrove's yew hedgerow.

Kim Balkovec
Columnist

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•From Kim, page 2•

As my adult-sized Darth Vader mask spun around on my child-sized head, the salty condensation from my breath inside the mask splashed in my eyes, stinging like the devil. The eye openings in the mask ended up over my left ear, inflicting a nice gouge in my forehead along the way.

I was down, but by no means out. I had just survived the most frightfully exciting experience of my life up to that point, and I couldn't wait to tell my friends about it. We had planned for this night since Labor Day

weekend, changing costume ideas at least three times a week for the past eight weeks. If I didn't pull myself together, I'd miss my rendezvous with Princess Leia and Chewbacca and our theme foray would be ruined.

I quickly adjusted my mask, reached for my candy and climbed back up on my vinyl platforms. I prayed for "the force" to be with me for the remainder of the holiday. (Hey, gimme a break! This was 1975, after all.)

The point of this little anecdote is simply this: Even though it happened 20 years ago, my memory of that Halloween is as vivid and as exciting as if it had happened last night. In

fact, I can clearly remember many Halloween nights — the year I was supposed to be Nefertiti and my brother and his friends kept calling me Cleopatra; the year I won a "most creative costume" contest for my Hagar the Horrible (which spawned my ultra-creative attempt the following year to be Big Fig Newton — unfortunately, the same year I was repeatedly mistaken for an onion). As I get older and my childhood grows dim, I long for more memories such as these.

As a parent, I listen to my daughter and her friends plan for this night, as they have planned for weeks on end, with the exuberance and

creativity that only children have, and those memories of Halloweens past haunt me. As we put the finishing touches on our costumes and on our haunted porch for the ghouls and goblins that will stop by tonight, I am filled with excitement — not just for the event at hand, but for the resplendent memories that will be created for the children, memories that will not fade with time. I wonder what kind of memories haunt the adult minds that spew their adult concepts about "pagan celebrations," too willing to deny children this harmless enjoyment?

Women Studies Does Not Need Department

Dear Editor,

Mary Ann Lamanna, of the Women's Studies Committee, has stated that in order for the new women's studies department to succeed, she will, "...need the full support and enthusiasm of the entire campus and faculty..." Let me emphatically state on the behalf of many members of the student body that we will not support funding for a "women's studies department."

Why should we permit such funding when the engineering department was denied similar status. Which department would produce graduates with a greater capacity to enhance the economic status of our community, engineering or women's studies? Let's also be honest about this shall we? Why not simply call it what it really is, the "feminist studies department." Unless you are prepared to offer classes that support and help "stay-at-home" mothers and offer alternatives to abortion, then you can hardly call yourself a "women's studies department," since you would not truthfully represent all women.

I have no problem with other similar departments, such as those pertaining to Black and Native American studies. Having taken a course in Black Studies, I can truthfully say that it significantly expanded my understanding of their culture. Such departments are primarily racial in nature, not gender related. Having a female-centered department smacks too much of gender-bashing, or do you plan

to form a "male studies department."

No! I will not support any attempt to form this latest example of political correctness when there are other more meaningful departments that need our immediate attention. I urge the university administration to reject the formation of this new department.

James Moeller
UNO Graduate Student

Harms Needs to Reconsider Stance

Dear Editor,

I would like to offer a few comments in response to an opinion piece written by Eric Harms in the Oct. 20, 1995 edition of the *Gateway*.

While my first instinct is to rake Harms over the coals for his vastly oversimplified and erroneous views of teens, condoms and sexuality education, I will do more good to exert some intellectual energy on these issues. I would encourage Harms to make the same attempt.

Harms is not transmitting his informed opinion in the editorial; he is only revealing his psycho-social orientation to the issues — an orientation governed by Harms' cultural values and his own experience. Harms might be reminded that his culture and upbringing are not universally shared. Because Harms learned to be repulsed by sexuality issues, he assumes that all people share in his sex-related

shame and repression. In fact, they do not. Many people will argue that sexuality is a basic and fundamental aspect of being human, and that feelings of shame of our sexuality are not typically healthy.

Though Harms "wouldn't want [his] 13-year-old having sex," he does not take into account that his 13-year-old child is not likely to care what he would or wouldn't want. Furthermore, studies show fairly consistent evidence that most parents do not address sexual issues with their children in any comprehensive or factually oriented manner. When parents do address sex with their children they tend to give the child more of a lecture on morality, than a talk about reproductive facts or sexual mechanics.

Contrary to Harms' imagery, only in the most deplorable of situations would a teacher simply "hand out" condoms like candy. Responsible teachers in responsible schools make sure that the condom is accompanied by an educational component, which provides factual information about the uses and failings of the condom. I suggest that Harms would be hard-pressed to find a teacher showering condoms upon students like a ticker-tape parade.

I would also suggest to Harms that if schools were to adhere to his job description for teachers by only teaching "reading, writing and arithmetic," then who is supposed to take away their weapons? Who is supposed to work with their social skills? Who is supposed to discipline them? Who will teach them to be responsible, productive citizens? Harms forgets that schools are taking on a

more parental role today not because they particularly want to, but because the law of the land assigns more and more parental responsibility to the education system.

I hope that Harms will reconsider his stand on these issues, and revise his beliefs by achieving a more factual and a more well-reasoned understanding of the world around him.

Larry Bierce
UNO Graduate Student

Review Missed a Lot

Dear Editor,

I was very surprised when I read Beth Warner's review of the theater production "Dialog Between A Prostitute and Her Client." What could be so surprising about hearing sexually explicit language in an adult play about a sexually explicit topic when all the advertisements for the play warned that there would be graphic language in it.

Not only did she miss the entire message of the play, but she neglected to mention the outstanding performances by the cast. Her review was full of tired clichés and was totally irrelevant (to use here favorite expressive language). I think she should attend and review "Bambi." No doubt she would find that more appealing to her aesthetic tastes. Or maybe she should just stick to reviewing the classified ads.

Mary Ledbetter
UNO Student

Making Music at UNO



—SR Kemper

Jim Boggess, on piano, Dan Jacobi, on drums and Ron Guthrie, portrays Richard Rogers in the foreground, last weekend at "Hammerstein, Hart & Co., A Musical Revue." The event was part of SPECTRUM '95, the monthlong focus on fine arts, sponsored by the UNO College of Fine Arts.



UNO Celebrates Science Week

By Lori Lenagh

UNO launched its annual Science Week yesterday and plans a full week of events.

This is the fifth year of the event and it's part of the outreach efforts of the science department, said Raymond Guenther, professor of physics at UNO.

Activities will be held throughout the week with a guest speaker each night focusing on various topics. The week will close with an Open House on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Admission is free to all events.

"The general lectures during the week are for basically mature people," Guenther said. "The show on Thursday at 7 p.m. is for everyone, especially the young."

A broad range of sciences will be represented all week, Guenther said, including physics, chemistry, geology and mathematics.

"If someone is really interested in science, here is a chance to talk to some scientists and see what they do. Hopefully it will be entertaining and it might be a chance to meet other young persons who are interested in science."

All of the presentations are new this year and Dan Sullivan, of the chemistry department, is the only returning speaker. Last year, participants filled the biggest lecture rooms in Durham Science Center and about 250 people came to the open house, Guenther said.

"It has been quite successful and it's growing some," Guenther said.

Science Week is a collaborative effort involving many faculty members, Guenther said.

"We're looking for a really good turnout this year," Guenther said.

Science Week Schedule

Tuesday, Oct. 31 - "Lessons From the East: Can We Learn From the Environmental Disasters of Eastern Europe?" Roger Sharpe, biology, DSC Room 115, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 1 - "The Mayans and Their Mathematics," Margaret Gessaman, mathematics, DSC Room 115, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 2 - Science Wizard show for the general public, Dan Sullivan, chemistry, DSC Room 115, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 3 - "Search for Extraterrestrial Life," Wendy Hagen-Bauer, physics, Wellesley University, DSC Room 115, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 4 - Science Open House, DSC, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. It will include chemistry and physics wizard demonstrations and the "Fall Night Sky" show in the planetarium and a UFO lecture.

Med Center Puts Health Care on Wheels

By Megan Conway

Cruising the streets of Nebraska in a 34-foot mobile home is the University of Nebraska Medical Center's most recent response to health-care concerns.

The Cosmopolitan-Med Center Mobile Nursing Center, which focuses on health promotion and disease prevention, is a collaborative project between the Med Center's College of Nursing and the Cornbelt Federation of Cosmopolitan International Club, a nonprofit organization, which funds diabetes projects and research.

The mission of this mobile unit is to improve the health of Nebraskans through health screening, patient education and emphasis on positive health behaviors.

This past weekend the mobile unit helped about 50 people at Mount Moriah Baptist Church, 2602 N. 24th St.

"It's a wonderful service that benefits the people who go to church and any others that we can spread the word to," said church member Theadwell Johnson.

These services are geared toward, but not limited to, the elderly, Native Americans, African Americans and the Latino and Hispanic populations.

"We're bringing services to people that we consider vulnerable and at risk for diabetes and hypertension," said Dr. Catherine Todero, project director.

Because of its mobility the unit can better serve members of the community who cannot easily access health care due to transportation, finance or language barriers.

"The people that we come in contact with do not or would not get the teaching and screening otherwise. We are helping an underserved population," said Jennifer Jamison, a student volunteer.

The center is staffed by nurse practitioners and students. Some students are volunteers, while others are earning credit toward classes.

Every month the unit visits rural and urban Nebraska, alternating between 11 rural sites and 11 urban sites located in Omaha and Lincoln.

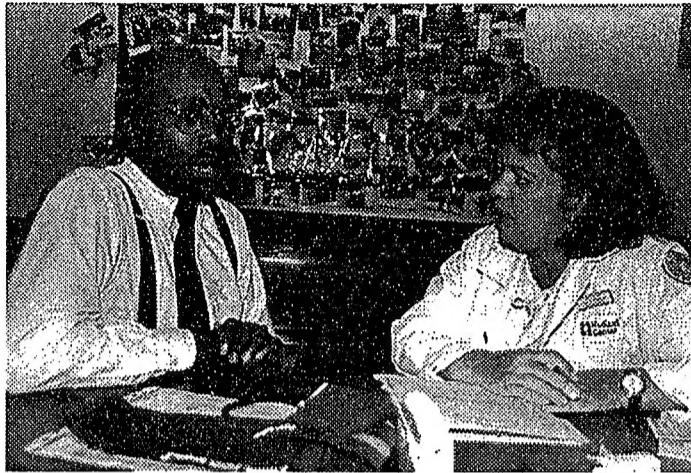
Frequency of visits is based on the needs of the clientele. Most rural areas are visited every other month, where some urban sites are stopped at weekly.

During these visits clients receive a basic physical, a blood pressure test, and a blood sugar screening for diabetes. Other services offered by this unit are biannual cholesterol checks and immunizations for elderly and infants.

"I have high blood pressure and am on medication, so for me it's a way to see how things are going between visits to my regular doctor," said patient Lois Russell.

In cases where a need for further medical treatment is detected, patients are referred to their primary care physician or other specialists.

If the patient is uninsured, they are referred to the Family



Nursing student Diane Brown talks to Theadwell Johnson about his medical history at the Mount Moriah Baptist Church.

Health Care Center, South Omaha Association building, 31st and Q Streets, which bills on the basis of income.

"By being affiliated with the Med Center we have resources and physicians to support those who cannot pay," Todero said.

Pamphlets and brochures are also available for individuals who are looking for more information or who have questions.

"We hope that by educating one person that they will go out and educate another," said Lynn Weaver, a nurse practitioner student.

Patients are also served through special events such as health fairs, work-site programs, ethnic celebrations and the annual Bike Ride Across Nebraska.

Currently, this project is funded by a five-year grant of \$887,000 from the Division of Nursing Nebraska Institute of Health. The Cornbelt Federation of Cosmopolitan International Club and the Med Center have also made contributions.

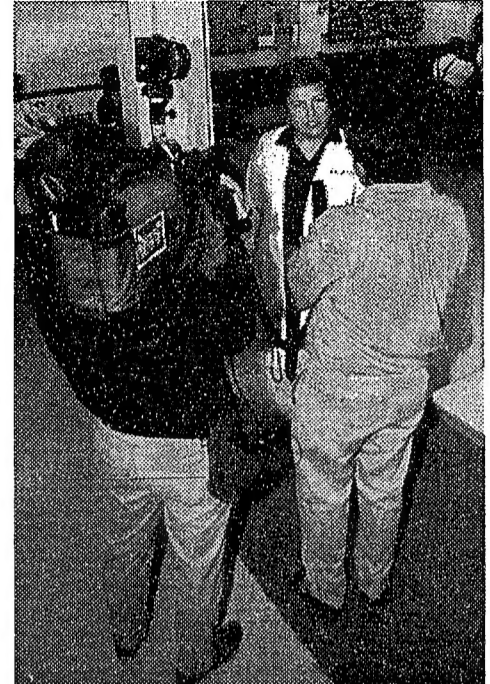
Funding from all three organizations covers the costs of supplies, staff salaries and general organizational fees.

Staff members are now looking for ways to continue this program beyond the five-year grant.

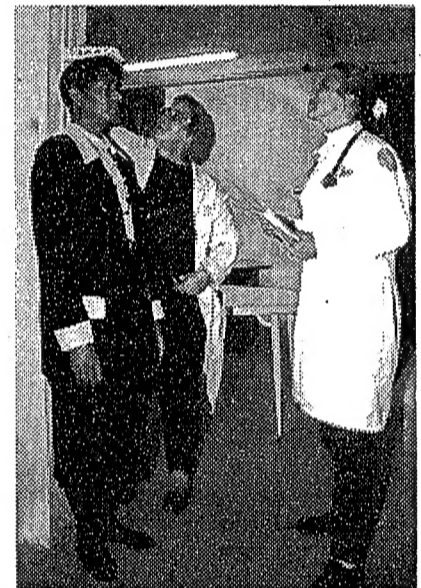
"We hope that the project won't die after the five years, but we have to look for a way to pay for the services," Todero said.

In the past two years the unit has already helped more than 5,200 Nebraskans and hopes to aid at least that many people, if not more, before the end of the five years.

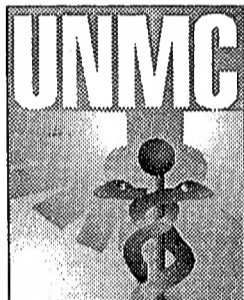
"As resources become limited, the service that we provide will become key to the health care of the future," Todero said.



Catherine Todero, Mobile Nursing project director, facing, is interviewed by Channel 7.



Mobile Nursing members Patsy Williams, background, and Kelly Eckstrom, right, measure patient Lois Russell.



UNO Sends Out Early Alert to Students

By Vineta Pritchard

UNO's Office of Multicultural Affairs has recently beefed up security. But this might not be the kind of security you're thinking of.

The Early Alert System was originally introduced last spring by UNO's Office of Multicultural Affairs to emphasize what is really important to the office — retaining students to meet their goals for their academic future.

Odra Bradley, director of multicultural affairs, said statistics show that freshmen enrollment has dropped significantly. Bradley, Assistant Vice Chancellor Mary Mudd and former Vice Chancellor Richard Hoover, among others, sat down and talked about the enrollment drop and came to the conclusion that if 1,500 students enroll and only 700 stay on to finish their degrees.

There is a select group of about 150-200 students that has been chosen to take part in EAS this year. These are first-year, full-time students. Bradley, retention specialist Josephine Bruno and two graduate assistants who will meet individually or in study groups with questions or concerns about the classes they are taking.

It was also suggested that the students get involved with the support services on campus such as the Learning Center. The Learning Center will proofread papers at no cost to any UNO student. The EAS participants will be able to get any additional help in areas they feel they want to improve in, whether it be note-taking skills or studying for a midterm exam.

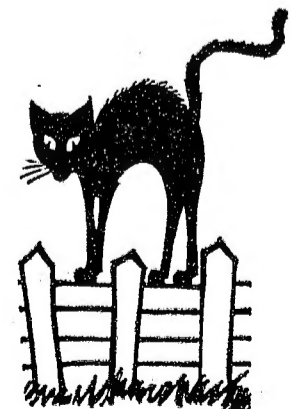
EAS is working mostly with the College of Arts and Sciences, and Bradley said he is particularly thankful for the help of the Arts and Sciences faculty. The professors are notifying the Office of Multicultural Affairs with any potential problems as a warning signal for the student. The student

will then have the opportunity to sit down with their monitoring group and teacher, if needed and talk about the situation and take action.

After the Multicultural Affairs office looks in to the situation, it will notify the instructor to inform him or her on the steps that have been made to rectify the concern.

On Sept. 27 there was a faculty-student mixer, which allowed participants as well as any UNO student to come in and meet the instructors of what some students dub the "killer courses." Students had the opportunity to meet future instructors and in some cases, had the chance to talk with current instructors and let them know what they expect to get out of the class and to set up appointments for one-on-one meetings.

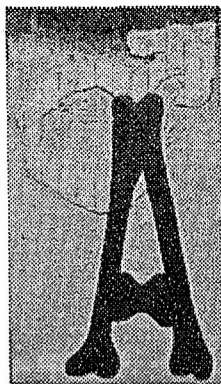
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ren't people supposed to have driver's licenses? I swear, sometimes I wonder where they're getting them from.

About a week ago, there I was, making the usual morning drive to school when this renegade mom

started honking and swerving behind me. She was tailgating so close, I could have sworn she was in my backseat. As she drove by, I noticed the small heads in the backseat and had to ask myself as she gave me the usual gesture, "Are her children going to be like her?"

As luck would have it, later that day, I was behind another driver — a woman. Usually, it would make no difference to me whether it was a woman or a man, but she was doing her hair and putting on her makeup. Even more surprising, it was already noon (Hair and makeup? That's exactly what I was wondering). When the light turned green, nothing happened. I began to wonder if she was going to sit there until the Huskers came home. Hell, I was expecting her to give herself a perm ... maybe throw in a few highlights.

I patiently waited. Nothing. I gave a light tap on my horn to let her know it was time to step on the skinny pedal on the right. She turned around in her seat and, and for the second time that day, I received that well known friend of ours: the bird.

OK, I'll be honest. It's not just women who drive like hell.

Once, I was getting off the highway and merging onto Dodge Street when Redneck Roy sped up just fast enough to cut me off. Even though he was at least 70 or 80 feet back, he could have let me in without even slowing down. But did he? Nope, he had to cut me off. He nearly caused an accident.

What does he do next? Of course, he blames me for the whole incident and then tries to prove

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Today's Topic: Driving

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his masculinity. As if everything wasn't enough already, he cut me off and started driving about 10 mph. Real cute.

Then we stopped at a traffic light on 90th and Dodge. Roy gets out of his truck and starts yelling at me. What the hell? Just what exactly gave him the right to do that? What did I do to deserve it?

Actually, he was rather comical. It was clear to me why he was trying to prove something. He had "little man syndrome." He was a short little bearded man who was obviously disturbed. He reminded me of Tattoo ("Da plane! Da plane!") and, of course, I started cracking up. Once again I screwed up because my laughter angered Roy even more.

The adventure wasn't over yet: This time he got behind me and followed me to UNO. His adrenaline and anger must have run out (or else maybe he forgot) because he didn't follow me into the parking lot.

Had he proven his masculinity? Sure, he proved his masculinity, all right. (Well, at least, more accurately, his lack thereof).

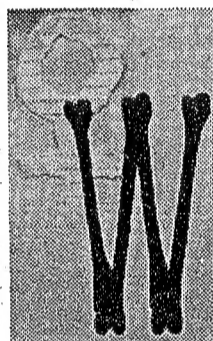
Why has driving become a means of letting out frustration? About six months ago, a truck ran over a car with a mother and her two children because the driver thought that 45 mph was just too slow. How ironic that the accident took place in a 30-mph zone.

Who is worse? Women? Men? To say that either one is worse is being too stereotypical.

I could sit here and tell you that women are

the worst drivers and shouldn't be allowed to have licenses, but what about Redneck Roy?

Driving from place to place is not a time to let off steam. It is no place to prove anything. There must be a point in your life when you realize the things you do have consequences and you have to take responsibility for your actions. If you drive like an idiot in front of your kids, they're going to drive like idiots, too. If you're upset about something and you decide to let off some steam by cutting somebody off, you could very well cause an accident — somebody could be killed.



When I think of terrible drivers, I think of my father. I think of a man behind the wheel of a family-mobile, flying down the interstate, cutting drivers off, swerving in and out of traffic, and pissing people off.

OK, now, here's the million-dollar question: Who do you think taught me how to drive? My mom, of course...

There's just something about a woman's driving that is a little bit (shoot, who are we kidding here — it's a lot better) than a man's driving. When I think of bad drivers, what do I think of?

For one, I picture a man, driving a pick-up truck, weaving in and out of traffic and trying to catch up to a woman in a red sports car about five miles ahead ... and this guy's not necessarily 20 years old, either.

The type of car doesn't matter: I have seen men driving like a bat out of hell in everything from a station wagon to an ancient car to a Pee-Wee Herman moped! If a car can only go 20 mph and is "the safest auto available" just give it to a man and it's guaranteed that he will turn it into hell on wheels.

Sure, there are the exceptions. I have seen some women drivers who should be sentenced to life without driving. No matter what scenario a person can give about terrible women drivers, I can guarantee there's a story about a guy behind the wheel that can top it.

But it's all a matter of personal opinion. My hairdresser swears that men are the best drivers and that her husband is a far better driver than she is. Lucky woman, eh? Fortunately, we aren't all that fortunate.

When I get behind the wheel and Adam is driving, I find myself clutching onto the "oh shit handle" on the door for dear life. But then again — he does the same when I'm driving.

Honestly, I think that everyone is a terrible driver. We all start off vowing to be careful and courteous drivers. But then we get our learner's permits and see what driving is really like. After driving for a while, I think that potentially safe drivers become hellish, just because of the other drivers they have to deal with.

For instance, when I first began driving, I was taught to turn on my turn signal when switching lanes. Well, if you do that, I quickly learned, everyone, including the old lady on the sidewalk with the walker, will speed up so they don't have to let you in. Now, I start changing lanes, flash my blinker for a few moments, and cut in. (Sorry, mom, I know you didn't need to hear that one.)

People are always in a hurry, they're pissed off at the world and having a bad day, and it shows in their driving.

What can be done? Nothing at all. All I can suggest is that you wear your shades, get some good insurance, and speed like hell.

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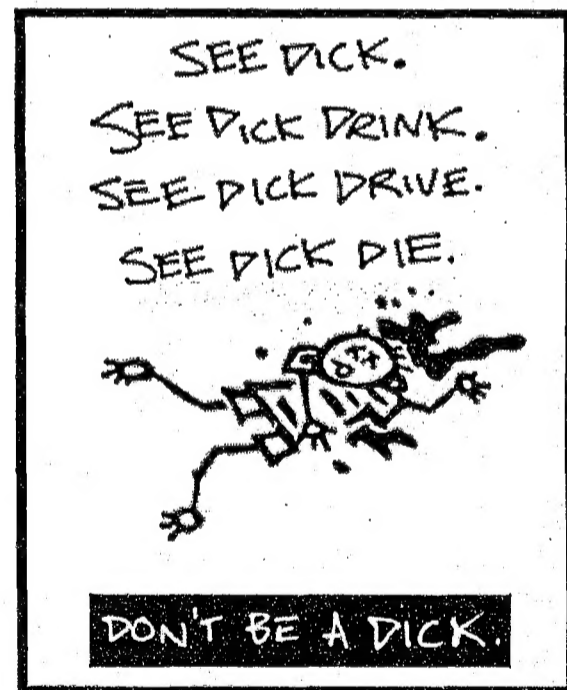
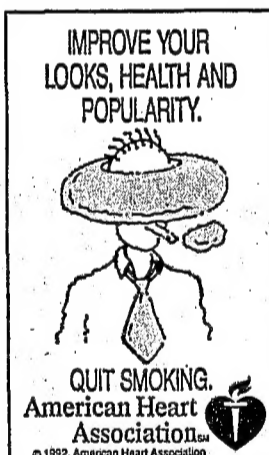
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Papermaking Becoming Popular Pastime

By Scott R Kemper

Making paper from local materials is becoming more popular, said printer and publisher Floyd Pearce, as he demonstrated the techniques.

During a recent papermaking exhibition, Pearce used corn husks, broom corn, and abaca to make paper. Abaca is fibrous material from the banana tree.

Papers made from oak leaves, roses, coffee chaff, mulberry leaves, mail order catalogs and native plants from along the Platte River were also on display.

Pearce said alfalfa, flax and hemp all make good paper. Most of America's paper needs could be met without cutting trees, Pearce said. UNO Fine Arts professor Bonnie O'Connell agreed, but she said that the economics of papermaking has to change before people would buy locally produced papers. O'Connell teaches papermaking.

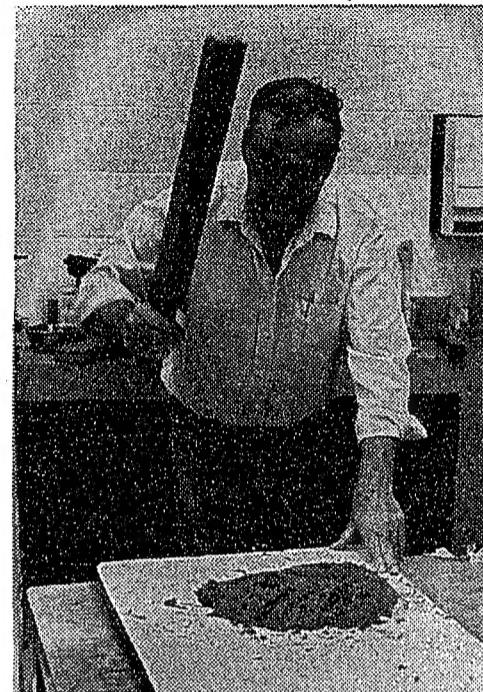
Pearce is the owner of Pterodactyl Press in Cumberland, Iowa. He is teaching a non-credit class at UNO on making paper by hand. Pterodactyl Press publishes books of modern poetry, and Pearce makes some of the covers for his books by hand.

Pearce demonstrated papermaking in the Fine Arts Building by beating corn husks with a stick, kneading it like a baker kneads dough. The longer he beats it, the finer the paper fiber.

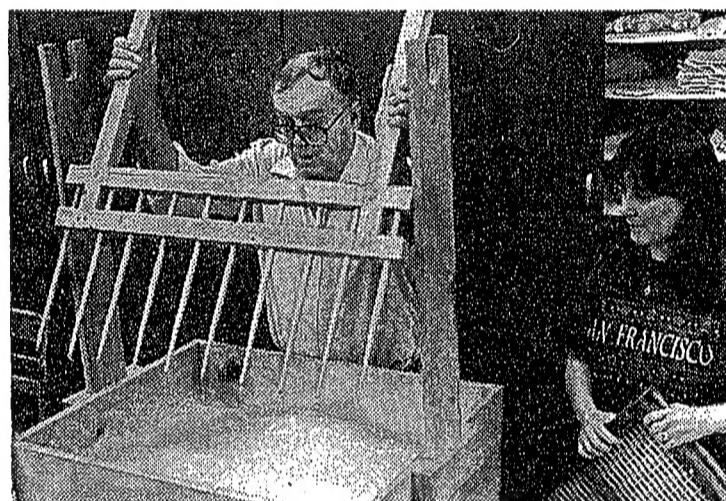
Before it is beaten and again afterward, the fiber is cooked in water and soda ash. This softens the fibers and removes the non-cellulose material. When all that remains is cellulose, the fibers are put into a water bath.

The papermaker dips a frame and screen into the water bath and picks up fibers. After the water drains off, the fibers form a sheet, which is peeled off and stacked between absorbent sheets.

The papermaker uses a hand press to squeeze the excess moisture out of the stack of sheets, and they are left to dry. The results range from a thin sheet of fragile paper made from lilac blossoms to a thick, tough sheet of corn husks.



Floyd Pearce beats corn husks into pulp to make paper.



Floyd Pearce, left, and Mikaelah Morocco set up a paper bath.

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Mikaelah Morocco, a local artist taking the papermaking course at UNO, forms a sheet of paper out of corn pulp.



Mikaelah Morocco, right, gets ready to peel a sheet of paper off of a paper form.

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Unabomber Legacy Haunts Northwestern University

From College Press Service

EVANSTON, Ill.—Forget Cindy Crawford. Forget David Schwimmer. The Unabomber has become Northwestern's most famous celebrity—although you probably won't find him on any university brochures.

After beginning his campaign against the industrialized world at NU in 1978 and 1979, the Unabomber soon shifted his attention to other targets across the country. But this month, the hype surrounding the man at the top of America's "Most Wanted" list came back to campus.

In a recent edition of the Chicago Tribune, an unidentified NU professor from the '70s said he vaguely remembered a student who shared the Unabomber's views. And then, two days later, rumors abounded that the serial terrorist had been arrested in Evanston.

Unabomber frenzy is nothing new to NU students, however.

Chi Delta Chi fraternity created Winter Rush shirts bearing the familiar sketch of the hooded bomber. Scrawled underneath the sketch is the phrase, "I've got your package."

Chi Delt member Brendan Scruggs, a NU junior, said the fraternity used the sketch because it is widely known. "It is also humorous," Scruggs said.

Chi Delt member Joe Mendoza, a sophomore, said the shirts have been popular because of the strong connection between the Unabomber and NU.

"Since the Unabomber started here, the whole story figures around Northwestern," Mendoza said.

Both Mendoza and Scruggs said the shirts do not promote the Unabomber's cause.

"There is no implication to the shirt, and we are not supporting him," Scruggs said. "Personally, I don't respect

him at all."

On campus, student reaction to the Unabomber is mixed. Most students said they respect the Unabomber for avoiding capture, even though they don't share his views.

"I don't approve of what he does, but I am amazed by the fact the guy has kept his identity secret for 20 years," said Matthew Doherty, a freshman.

Freshman Ty Raterman agreed.

"I hate what he does, but I respect him only in the fact that he is very good at what he does," Raterman said. "He has left the law enforcement community in a daze."

Sociology associate professor Bernard Beck says this kind of attitude is typical.

"It's the whole Robin Hood scenario," Beck said. "The man has avoided capture for a long period of time. In America, we respect excellence even if it is by anti-social people such as the Unabomber."

Beck said the media exposure has turned the Unabomber into a celebrity.

"Celebrities and people who receive a lots of publicity often becomes objects of admiration to certain people," he said.

Some students are less enthralled by the Unabomber.

"I think he is a terrorist," said senior John Graham. "People kind of forget that fact. Some of his ideas are interesting, but people who praise him are basically praising a terrorist."

But others view the serial bomber with a sense of black humor.

"The Unabomber shows the ingenuity of the average Northwestern student," said freshman Jeffrey Schlaudecker.

Students Work to Heal Beached Dolphin

By College Press Service

WILMINGTON, N.C.—Dozens of University of North Carolina-Wilmington students recently spent hours between classes "walking" Benny, a beached dolphin, after hearing of the sick animal's plight.

The misguided dolphin washed up on the shores of Beaufort, N.C., earlier this month.

After the animal was brought to the National Marine Fisheries Service, state wildlife officials began an extensive treatment program to bring the dolphin back to full strength. Soon, more than 40 UNCW students were recruited to lend a helping hand.

"It was close there for a while," says Vicki Fayer, who works for the state's National Marine program. "He was very weak and kind of out of it. I would say a day or so more and he probably wouldn't have made it."

Laela Sayigh, a marine biology professor at UNCW, heard about Benny and decided to get her students involved. "This was a great way for them to appreciate what they were studying," Sayigh says. "Plus, Benny needed the help. He needed people around the clock, and we had the students to help out."

Word about Benny quickly spread across campus, as students from all disciplines decided to help out. Volunteers made the two-hour drive to Beaufort, where they put on sterilized wet suits and headed into the tank.

Two or three volunteers would support Benny at a time, holding the dolphin in three-hour shifts as he attempted to float and swim around the tank. Although he was too weak to support himself at first, the tireless efforts of the volun-

teers paid off. Benny eventually gained the strength to support himself on his own.

"I've been a fan of dolphins my whole life so I thought this would be a great opportunity," says Jenny Edwards, a UNCW sophomore. "I was a little bit nervous at first. But once I was helping him for a while, it hit me: 'Oh my god, I'm holding a dolphin.'"

Edwards says the work with Benny was like a dream come true. "I thought I would never have a chance to do something like that in my life," she says. "It was a great experience."

Susan Anderson, Edwards' roommate, also volunteered to help Benny. "I've always really cared for dolphins so this was a neat chance to do something about it," Anderson says. "Once we started working with him, I got this great feeling. It was like he knew we were helping him. He was communicating with us."

Anderson, Edwards and nearly 200 other volunteers from across the state helped Benny gain back his strength.

"It's great to know he's coming around," says Edwards. "I feel like I had something to do with it."

Anderson agrees. "It's one thing to watch dolphins in the bay or even swim with them, but to help them when they're sick, that was truly wonderful," she says. "It was an experience I'll never forget."

It's also something Benny may never forget. "We want to make sure he's back up to speed and then we plan on releasing him into the ocean," Fayer says. "Thanks to all the help he had, I think he'll be just fine."

Sen. Paul Simon Headed Back to School

By College Press Service

CARBONDALE, Ill.—Sen. Paul Simon (D-Ill.) may be leaving Congress when his current term expires, but that doesn't mean he'll give up lecturing.

Instead of trying to persuade fellow politicians with his unique oratory style, Simon will spend his time in the classroom.

After Simon, 66, voluntarily leaves the Senate once his second term is complete in January 1997, he will head a new SIU department on public policy, teaching classes in journalism and political science.

"This will give me an opportunity to continue to focus on the needs of my home region as well as Illinois, the nation and the international community," said Simon, who resides in nearby Makanda.

SIU officials say the new Paul Simon Chair in Public Policy will focus on the ways policies affect and are affected by government leaders, journalists and members of society.

"We believe this scholarly effort can not only help make public policy more effective but elevate the level of public political discourse in this country," said SIU Chancellor Ted Sanders.

Before being elected to the U.S. Senate in 1984, Simon served in the House, as well as in state government in Illinois. Prior to entering politics, Simon served as the editor of the Troy (Ill.) Tribune.

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Campus Ghost Stories From Around the Nation

By College Press Service

No one doubts college can be a scary place. Just ask freshmen before their first final exam.

But few college students would say their fears have anything to do with monsters under the bed or goblins in the closet.

Maybe they should. Nationwide, ghostly legends thrive on campuses.

"There's just so much going on in college buildings when you think about their history, not to mention some of the high emotions that people have when they're in school," says Richard Crowe, a supernatural phenomena expert who's based in Chicago. "Ghosts can thrive on those emotions. They can tap into the anxieties that people have."

Still, Crowe says most ghosts just want to be noticed. "If people pay attention to them and let them co-exist, they're usually fine," he says. "The problems sometimes start when people try to deny that they exist."

For many students across the nation, the question about whether ghosts exist has been answered by their campus experiences. For example:

- For years, students at Mansfield University in Mansfield, Pa., have maintained that North Hall is haunted by Sarah. Sarah, according to campus legend, is the ghost of a student who committed suicide by leaping over a railing through an open atrium in the building. She allegedly killed herself because of love gone wrong.

The building, which was built in 1874, has been vacant for many years, giving Sarah plenty of room to roam. Mansfield students say they sometimes see Sarah in the windows of the building's top floor, supposedly looking for her former lover.

But Sarah's days of solitude may be numbered. This fall, the university began extensive renovations on North Hall and has plans to turn the old building into a state-of-the-art library and academic center. If the ghost liked the peace and quiet of her abandoned building, it soon will be bustling with students.

- Students at Stonehill College in North

Easton, Mass., have reported seeing the ghost of Freddie Ames roaming the campus.

Ames, the original owner of the property, died in a plane crash in the 1930s. According to legend, Ames instructed his servant to light the runway on his property at night while he was away flying, but the servant forgot. When Ames came in for a landing, the only light he saw was a lamp on the third floor of his mansion. Mistaking that for the runway, the pilot crashed to his death. Now whenever there is a blue mist hanging over the pond on campus, it is believed that Ames is looking for his forgetful servant.

- At the University of Illinois, students tell their own colorful tales about "The Blue Man." The Blue Man is supposed to be the ghost of a man who allegedly hung himself from a tree in a cemetery just outside of campus. Students swear on nights with a full moon, they often see a ghost emitting an eerie blue light.

Back on campus, the English Building is supposedly haunted by the ghost of a former student who committed suicide. Rumor has it the girl succumbed to the pressure of academics and spends her days haunting strict professors as an act of retaliation.

- Several students living in North Spencer residence hall at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro say they've had the opportunity to meet Annabelle—whether they wanted to or not.

Legend has it that Annabelle is the ghost of a student who committed suicide in one of the building's bell towers. And while they don't know what she's looking for, students say they sometimes hear her walking the halls of the dorm.

Dorm residents have reported spotting a blue haze passing through the hall at times and have witnessed objects flung across different rooms. The ghost apparently gets antsy when the students are gone for the summer, since most occurrences have taken place when the dorm is occupied by summer school students and residence hall advisors.

- The Joe E. Brown and Eva Marie Saint Theater at Bowling Green State University in Ohio is haunted by Alice, an actress who reportedly was killed onstage while playing Desdemona in Shakespeare's Othello.

Alice often interferes with the theater department's performances by shorting out the lighting and scattering the props, but only if she isn't personally invited to the performance. So after the final dress rehearsal of each production, the director heads to the stage, where he or she invites the spirit to be the department's guest. If asked, the actress always obliges, and the shows run without any problems.

- The ghost of a former professor still roams the halls of VanderCook College of Music at night in Chicago. One of the school's first instructors, H.E. Nutt, died of old age after spending the final years of his life living in the school. Nutt would give lessons at all hours, accommodating students who wished to take their lessons well after midnight.

Student-employees who have been in the building after hours to clean have reported hearing drawers shutting, chairs moving and doors slamming when there is no one else in the building. In some instances, students have heard string quartets practicing at 2 a.m. when no one is there.

- Musical mysteries are reported at Hood College in Frederick, Md., as well. Brodbeck Hall, once a social meeting place for German immigrants, is now home of the music department. But that doesn't stop the old visitors from stopping by.

Students say they sometimes hear footsteps, laughter and someone tooling around with a trumpet or flute, even though no one is in sight.

- At Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore., a musically gifted ghost, named Vera, enjoys giving late night piano concerts. Students and faculty members in Knight Hall say they often hear Vera walking around or tickling the ivories at night.

- Morton College in Cicero, Ill., is haunted by a girl named Emily who was murdered on the site before the campus was built.

At night, Morton security guards say they often hear footsteps on top of the roof of the gymnasium, even though they are sitting in front of the only stairway to the roof. When they go up to check on the noise, they see nothing and the footsteps stop. However, once they head back down the stairs, the footsteps start again.

On numerous occasions, neighbors of the building have called police, saying they see a woman standing at the roof's ledge. When officers check out the scene, they find no one there.

- Fisher Hall at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, has a long history of hauntings. Throughout stints as a women's college and a sanitarium, residents of Fisher Hall have reported seeing moving objects and hearing mysterious noises.

When the building became a freshmen

dormitory in the 1950s, Fisher resident Ronald Tammen disappeared from campus. His belongings were placed in their normal fashion in his room; his car was found locked and parked in the student lot; and his life was seemingly in perfect order, according to authorities. A massive nationwide search turned up nothing, and Tammen was never found.

A few months later, students in the dorm often heard a voice singing in the woods directly behind the building. A few days later, students saw a long-haired, tall figure walking toward the building while singing. Ever since, similar sightings have taken place in and around the building.

- Members of the Delta Sigma Phi house on the Kansas State University campus often get a sample of "the final frontier" from their Star Trek-loving ghost.

The building, which was a hospital before the fraternity took over, is home to George, the ghost of an elderly patient who died after falling off his bed. He suffocated while wedged between the bed and the wall.

George was a big "Star Trek" fan, a fondness that obviously continues even after his death, say fraternity members. In 1973, an ice storm knocked out power on the entire KSU campus for several days. But at the Delta Sigma Phi house, electricity was mysteriously restored every day from 4-5 p.m., just long enough for George and the men of Delta Sigma Phi to catch the "Star Trek" rerun on the local station.

- Students aren't the only ones who receive late-night visits, according to David Paschall, former president of the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

Paschall says he was visited by Rev. James Blair, the first president of the nation's oldest school, one night. Paschall reports that Blair wore clerical robes and stood at the foot of the bed, staring and pointing a finger at him.

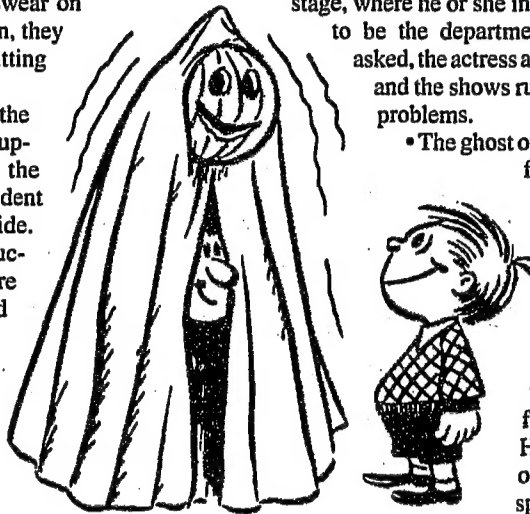
- University of California-Berkeley professor Henry Stephens lived in Room 219 at the Faculty Club for more than 20 years. And after his death in 1919, students walking under the window of the building said they often heard Stephens reciting his poetry.

The circumstances were forgotten until the 1970s, when a visiting Japanese scholar stayed in the same room. Without any prior knowledge of its previous resident, Noriyuki Tokuda told others that he was visited by a ghost one night and said that an older man was sitting on a chair quietly watching him. The next night, Tokuda said he saw two heads floating across the room near the ceiling.

- A 1949 dormitory fire at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, resulted in the death of nine men. The fire took place in the middle of the night, and the students were trapped after failing to wake up in time to escape. Since that time, students in the dorm rebuilt on the fire's site have reported seeing legless torsos floating through the air. Also, students are occasionally woken up in the middle of the night by a shadowy figure who shakes them, yelling "Wake me up! Wake me up!"

- Phi Kappa Sigma members who live at their fraternity house at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y., can't blast their stereos, thanks to a ghostly woman who slams doors and pulls plugs whenever the volume creeps past five.

The ghost is supposedly Florence Lee, daughter of the university's first president. Lee died in the 1860s.



Tips on Keeping Kids Safe on Halloween

Costume Design

- Use only fire-retardant materials for costumes.
- Be sure costumes are loose enough for clothing underneath and to allow freedom of movement.
- As falls are the leading cause of Halloween accidents, make sure costumes are short enough to prevent tripping.
- Choose outfits with light-colored materials and add strips of reflective tape to make children even more visible.

Face Design

- Masks can obstruct vision. Face makeup is safer, more colorful and more comfortable.
- Make sure face makeup is labeled as nontoxic or meets federal standards for cosmetics. Follow manufacturer's instructions for application.
- If masks are worn, make sure the mouth, nose and eye openings are large enough to allow for ample breathing and vision.

Accessories

- Knives, swords and other accessories should be made from cardboard or flexible materials. Do not allow children to carry sharp objects.
- Carrying flashlights will help children to see better and be seen more clearly.

Tips provided by the Safety and Health Council of Greater Omaha.



Sports



Lady Mavs Strive to Score in Classroom and Court

By Dave Mollner

Before a basketball recruit ever steps onto the UNO Fieldhouse floor to play for Lady Mavs Head Coach Cherri Mankenberg, three things must be understood.

"When you play here it's family, academics and then basketball, Mankenberg said.

"We're really excited about our team averaging a 3.0 GPA over the last 10 years and that all of our kids are conscious about their academics."

In women's athletics, the odds of making a living playing sports after the collegiate level aren't good. With limited exposure in the United States in the sport of women's basketball, only an elite few ever make the transition to pro basketball overseas.

"With women's athletics this is the end," said 5-foot-10-inch senior guard Linda Roh. "This is my last year, and we're never going to get paid to play basketball, so we're taking advantage of the opportunity to let basketball pay for our schooling so we can get a job back in the real world."

Taking care of business along with Roh is Lady Mavs senior Michelle Spetman and juniors Amy Loth and Stacie Kaiser, who all carry GPA's above 3.89. Mankenberg said it helps on the court as well with these athletes providing leadership roles in the classroom for her younger players.

"Their work ethics are as great in the classroom as they are on the floor," Mankenberg said. "To accomplish what these young women are doing, your time management must be outstanding. It takes organized and responsible individuals to achieve on- and off-court success like they have."

For 5-foot-11-inch forward/center Spetman, who's double majoring in science, time management is the key to bal-

ancing her priorities as a student-athlete.

"In my coursework there are a lot of labs that interfere with practice times," Spetman said. "Even if these didn't conflict with our practice schedule, you're so tired after practice all you want to do is sit in front of the TV and veg out. But with us, I think it's evident that we take as much pride in our homework as we do on the court."

Another Lady Mav making good on her opportunity at success is junior Amy Loth. Loth, a 5-foot-7-inch junior guard majoring in criminal justice, said it's more of an advantage by being a student-athlete.

"I think being an athlete helps me manage my time both on and off the basketball court," Loth said. "You've got to get your work done in a specific time frame. And as an athlete you know you have only certain hours you can study to get your work done, because you don't have time to procrastinate."

During the average school day, their schedules may run from sun up to sundown without them thinking twice about why they're grinding out such long days.

"Right now, I'm student teaching out at (Omaha) Millard North so my day goes from 7 a.m. until we're done with practice," Roh said, who will graduate during midseason this December. "And after practice I go home and grade papers or plan for the next day, so you're pretty much going for 17 hours a day."

When the grades are finally in on the Lady Mavs basketball team, they won't be measured on wins and losses — but on their development as individuals.

"You wish you had a video camera when they walk through that door as freshmen," Mankenberg said with a glowing smile. "It's the greatest joy to watch them work through maturity."



—Dave Mollner

Lady Mavs, left to right, senior Linda Roh, junior Stacie Kaiser, junior Amy Loth and senior Michelle Spetman are taking care of business on and off the court.

UNO Hosts Hoopst-hers Clinic

By Heidi Heller

More than 200 girls improved their basketball skills at the fourth annual UNO Lady Mavs Hoopst-hers, which also stressed the importance of staying in school.

"One of the purposes of this camp is not only for the girls to learn about basketball, but to meet positive role models and learn the importance of academics," said Lady Mavs Assistant Coach Paula Buscher.

The participants were girls in grades one through six. They attended the two-part clinic Saturday and each received a T-shirt and a basketball afterward.

"It's great to see so many girls in basketball," Lady Mavs Head Coach Cherri Mankenberg said. "It gets bigger every year and we're really pleased with the turnout."

The girls split up into groups of eight with one coach. The coaches were volunteers from the Lady Mavs basketball and softball teams and alumni. During the clinic the coaches helped the girls with drills in passing, dribbling and shooting the ball. They also took time to talk about staying in school.

"Our players are excellent role models," Mankenberg said, noting that each of the Lady Mavs has at least a 3.0

GPA, and that they each have over a 90 percent chance of graduating.

Lady Mavs guard Stacie Kaiser said the girls need role models at this time in their lives. "They need to see older people doing things they like doing," Kaiser said.

The attendance at the UNO Lady Mavs Hoopst-hers usually ranges from 180 to 250 girls. For some of them, it's the second or third time they've attended.

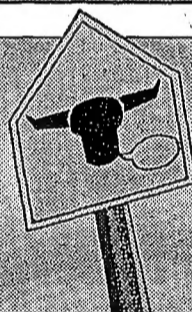
"A lot of the girls come back and you see the improvement," Lady Mavs center Dennie Young said. This will be Young's second year coaching in the UNO Lady Mavs Hoopst-hers.

Young said the important thing is keeping the girls entertained.

"If you make it fun for them, they'll want to learn more," she said. "If you make it boring, then their attention span tends to be short."

Mankenberg said the clinic is as valuable for the Lady Mavs as it is for the girls. "It's an added thing to do, but it's important that we keep it going," Mankenberg said.

The clinic was sponsored by Sports Medicine Center and Cox Cable's Q2TV.



TALKING BULL

with Sparky the sports guru

By Dave Mollner

With the sight of your own breath in the crisp fall air and the leaves resembling a fresh box of crayons, my fellow sports buffs know it just doesn't get any better than this.

If that sounded like one of your favorite beer commercials, then we're playing on the same field. While channel surfing on any given weekend, moans and sighs of boredom filter in from the kitchen or reading rooms of your house. The females in a single-television household are at the mercy of the TV remote, which finds every college and pro game on the tube.

Does this sound familiar?

After watching college gridiron action for nine nonstop hours on Saturday, you begin to get the shakes in fear of having to watch "Facts of Life" reruns. Being the genuine sports junkies we are, our fix comes in the nick of time as we stumble across game six of the World Series during primetime television. Whew! That was a close one.

And when the last out of America's pastime goes into the record books and the new world champion Atlanta Braves finally knocked the monkey off of their backs, our palettes are cleansed with hockey and basketball to accompany our appetite for football.

Isn't life good? But all good things must come to an end, and this usually occurs when figure skating enters the single-television household, with comments such as, "Hey honey, come in here quick and watch Nancy Kerrigan go for the ... ouch that looked painful." For a minute there, figure skating took on a contact sport mentality, but it will never be able to compare with a 49er's-Cowboys NFC Championship showdown. Never.

But when the time does arrive when Saturday's sports menu isn't serving up our favorite football buffet or our better half captures the remote control and locks onto "Saved By The Bell" and "Sewing Today" scraps, there's a couple of solutions to our problem.

When the well of sports programming runs dry, don't run to Tanya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan unless they're playing with a police baton. Instead, try watching golf as a form a meditation from contact sports withdrawal and remember to breathe deeply.

And when the warden gets hold of the remote control in your single-television castle, there's only one way to spell relief.

Ask for a new TV this Christmas. Good luck.

Lady Mavs Fall to No. 8 St. Cloud State

By Tony Reinke

For the first two games in last Saturday's match against St. Cloud State, the UNO Lady Mavs volleyball team held all-conference hitters Swen Minnema and Cami Selbitschka in check.

But for the Mavs it was the final three games that decided the match as the Chiefs rallied past UNO 11-15, 13-15, 15-8, 15-8, 15-10 in front of 565 at the UNO Fieldhouse.

The Chiefs, ranked No. 8 in Division II, improved to 11-3 in the NCC and 22-4 overall. The Lady Mavs, ranked 14th, fell to 17-8 overall and 10-5 in the conference.

"We didn't play as aggressively as we needed to in the first two games," St. Cloud Head Coach Diane Glowatzke said. "We weren't moving the ball like we normally have, but our aggressiveness made up for that."

Minnema, a 5-foot-11 middle hitter, punched down 13 kills in the final three games after being held to just one in the first two.

"She is a tremendous athlete," UNO Head Coach Rose Shires said. "When she gets the ball she can hurt you."

Minnema, who came into the match as the third-leading hitter in the North Central Conference, finished with 15 blocks and led the Chiefs with a .368 hitting percentage, a formula that credits a player for successful kills.

Selbitschka, a 6-foot junior, had 18 kills for St. Cloud.

Tanya Cate, a 5-10 sophomore, led the Lady Mav attack. She had 14 kills in the first two games and finished with team-highs in kills (25) and dig saves (32).

"Cate played with a lot of emotion," Shires said. "She did an excellent job of taking care of the ball as a hitter, as a passer and as a defender."

UNO setter Amy Steffel set a school record with 81 set assists in the match. The mark surpassed Jennifer Dickey's mark of 77 set back in 1989.

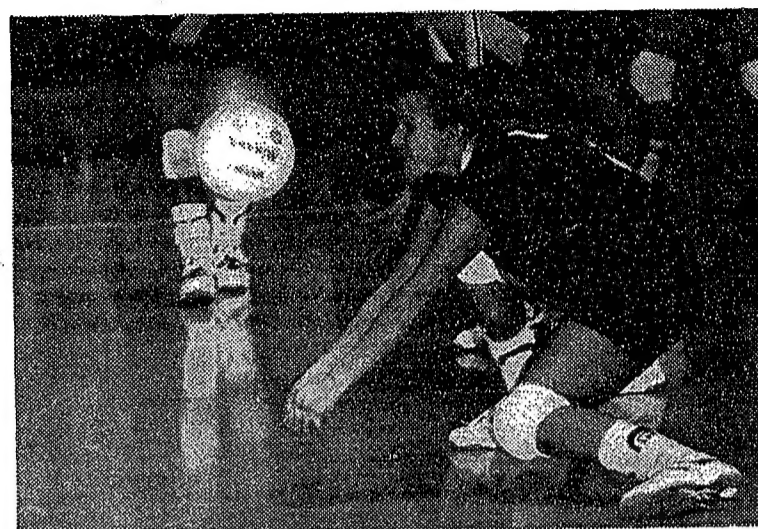
Behind the net play of Minnema and two early errors by UNO, the Chiefs took a 7-3 lead in the fifth game. UNO's Cate and Erin Shafer scored four times to bring the Lady Mavs within four at 13-9, but two kills by Minnema became the flint in the Chiefs' comeback fire and provided SCS with the victory.

Prior to their loss on Saturday the Lady Mavs faced Mankato State. The Lady Mavs achieved their 10th conference victory with a 15-6, 15-13, 15-11 sweep.

Sophomore Kim Gerdes led UNO in hitting percentage (.455) and finished with four total blocks.

Cate directed the team with 13 kills and finished with a .313 hitting percentage. Her two consecutive kills early in the first game sparked an 11-point run by the Lady Mavs, giving UNO a 15-6 victory.

Mankato came back in the second game



UNO's Erin Schafer saves a shot from the floor during the Mavs' weekend match against St. Cloud State.

with a 13-6 lead over UNO. The net defense of Shafer, Cate and Steffel shut the Mankato offense down and sparked a nine-point run giving UNO a 15-13 victory.

Again in the third game, Mankato State jumped out to an early 8-0 lead, but a timeout by Shires and the setting of Steffel outscored Mankato 14-3 to close out the game and the match.

Overall, Shires said her team's future is uncertain. The Lady Mavs were No. 4 in the North Central Region and only four advance to regionals.

This weekend Shires and her team travel to South Dakota State and Augustana. The Lady Mavs defeated SDSU earlier in the season but lost to Augustana 1-3 at the Fieldhouse.

NCAA Rules TV Movie Risks Smith's Eligibility

By College Press Service

LEXINGTON, Ky.—Harold Dennis' life story has "made-for-TV movie" written all over it.

The 21-year-old college student has overcome injuries he received in a flaming bus crash to become a wide-receiver at the University of Kentucky.

Yet despite interest in making his inspirational story into a television film, the NCAA has blocked the plan, saying it could jeopardize his eligibility to play football.

When he was 14, Dennis was one of 63 passengers on a school bus returning home to Radcliff, Ky., after a day at Kings Island amusement park. While heading back on Interstate 71, the bus was hit head-on by a drunk driver. The school bus burst into flames, killing 27 people and severely burning Dennis and many others.

Following the crash, Dennis spent two months in a Louisville hospital's burn unit. During the months and years following the accident, Dennis went through extensive skin grafts and numerous reconstructive surgeries. Scars still cover his face and body.

But the UK junior was determined to overcome his tragedy. "I never wanted it to get in my way," says Dennis. "I never wanted to use the accident as an excuse."

While playing soccer in high school, Dennis was recruited by the University of Louisville. He played there for one season before transferring to UK, where he decided to forego soccer and try out for the football team.

After impressing the coaches with his speed at spring practices last year, Dennis secured a spot as a wide receiver. So far, he has played in games against Florida, Tennessee and other top-ranked schools.

But Dennis was forced to sit out a game earlier this season after NCAA officials learned about his dealings with a film agent.

After Dennis' story aired on ESPN, Dan Smith, a UK history professor and part-time screenwriter, received a call from his agent at the Pritcher Company. "They told me to take a look at him and see what his story was," says Smith. "I talked to some coaches, wrote a synopsis and gave it to the people at Pritcher so they could shop it around."

Smith says the rights to the movie could have sold for as much as \$60,000.

To close the deal, Smith signed onto the project. The deal called for compensation for Dennis only if the script was sold and only after he graduated from school.

Still, rules are rules. And when the NCAA learned of the deal, they pulled Dennis' eligibility.

"It sounds unfair to people, but we have to be consistent," says Kathryn Reith, spokesperson for the NCAA. "Student-athletes aren't allowed to sign with agents. The rule really can't be flexible. It's as simple as that."

Smith says that in this case, however, exceptions should be made. "This is a story of inspiration," says the UK professor, adding that he will probably try to sell the story again after Dennis graduates. "This isn't about some basketball player looking for a free car."

Dennis was forced to sit out the game against South Carolina, but he was reinstated after he voided the contract in time to face Auburn the following week.

"I don't see what the problem was, considering I didn't get any money," says Dennis. "But I'm just glad it's over. I just want to play."

Huskies Munch on Mavs

By Tony Reinke

If the UNO football team had any momentum going into Saturday's St. Cloud State game, it came to a dead halt after the Huskies scored two touchdowns within the first three minutes of the game as UNO lost to the Huskies, 34-7, at Selke Field.

The Mavericks drop to 2-7 overall and 1-6 in the North Central Conference, and the Huskies move to 6-2 overall and 5-2 in the conference.

Martin, the leading rusher in the North Central Conference, scored twice in a Huskie-owned first half and finished with 174 yards rushing. He had touchdown runs of 79 and 42 yards in the first half.

The lone touchdown for the Mavericks came on a 3-yard pass from quarterback Troy Kloewer to receiver Pete Coniglio early in the third quarter. Kloewer fin-

ished with 154 yards passing.

"There were times when we played well on both sides of the ball, but we couldn't put it together overall," Behrns said.

Coniglio ended with 50 yards receiving and Jake Young accounted for 102.

The UNO defense gave up 450 yards of total offense on the day. St. Cloud State consistently capitalized with big plays and, more specifically, the rushing game. St. Cloud ran up 291 yards rushing, including 50 from Huskie Quarterback Todd Bouman in the first half.

"Our defense didn't account for the quarterback when he broke out of the pocket," Behrns said.

This weekend the Mavs will travel to Brookings to face South Dakota State.

Top College QB Picks Chooses to be Big Fish in Little Pond

By College Press Service

DEERFIELD, Ill.—Even when the home stadium is filled to capacity, less than 1,500 fans watch quarterback Jon Stark work his magic on the football field. But Stark, considered by many to be one of the best quarterbacks in the nation, knew that when he transferred from Florida State University to tiny Trinity College earlier this year.

The 22-year-old senior will tell you, however, that the view from the field, no matter where you play, is much better than the view from the sidelines.

When last season ended, the 6-foot, 4-1/2-inch and 218-pound player was slated to be FSU's second-string quarterback this year, playing back-up to Heisman Trophy candidate Danny Kanell.

But in January, Stark decided he wanted more. "I want to play football," Stark says. "I'd rather be out there on the field playing for a small school than wearing the jersey of the No. 1-ranked team on the sidelines."

Still, with a potential NFL career riding on his decision—Stark was ranked college football's third-best quarterback by ESPN's Mel Kiper and fourth-best by the Sporting News—Stark knew his decision could have long-term ramifications.

"I told myself there was always the chance that Danny could get hurt and that I would be expected to step in," says Stark, adding that he has no hard feelings against Kanell, Bowden or any other member of the FSU program. "But that was a chance. I was looking for a sure thing."

"Trinity was the first place that came into my mind because of the great things I'd read about the program and about Coach Frazier," Stark says. "All it took was one visit to campus last January. I enrolled for classes a few days later."

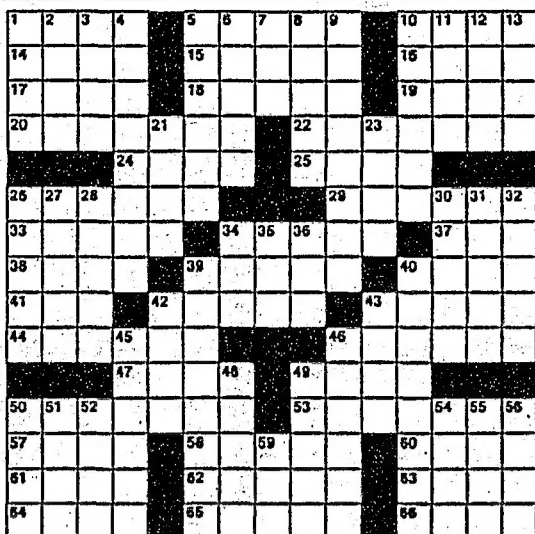
Frazier has high praise for Stark as well. "He helps us in so many ways, both on and off the field," says Frazier. "He's a fighter, and he never gives up."

So far, Stark's decision to attend Trinity hasn't seemed to diminish his stature in the college football world. Still considered one of college football's top passers, Stark has already accepted an invitation to the Hula Bowl—college football's version of the Pro Bowl—in January and has netted interest from several NFL teams.

"I just want to do my best and let the rest fall into place," says Stark. "All I know is that I plan on playing football for a long time."

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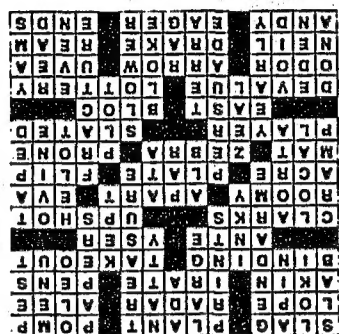
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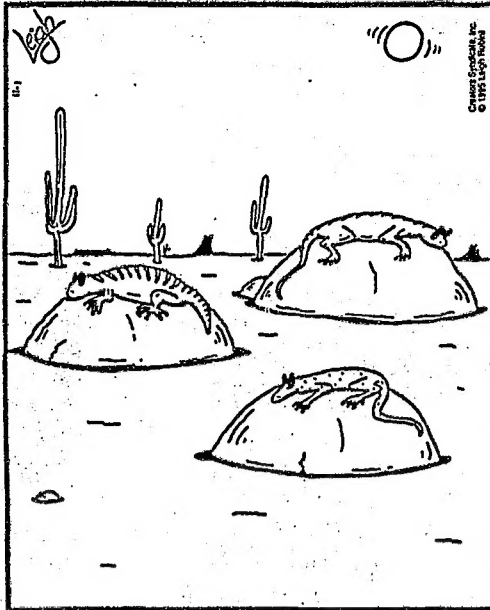


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UT Students Blast Donor at His Home

By College Press Service

AUSTIN, Texas—After campus protests against a controversial donor failed to produce any reaction from school officials, University of Texas students decided to pay the donor a visit at home.

Students are upset over the school's decision to name a new biology building after Texas millionaire James Robert Moffett, whose mining company, Freeport-McMoRan, has been called one of the worst environmental polluters in the nation. Moffett has contributed \$3 million to the school for the construction of new science building.

Although students protested the move on campus last year, UT officials stood firm on their decision. Now, students hope to pres-

sure Moffett himself by assembling with picket signs and bullhorns near his home in an affluent area of Austin.

"This is a huge example of misplaced priorities," said Jen Lodinberg, a UT junior. "The school doesn't care about what James Moffett does to the world we live in, they only care about his money."

In 1992, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency cited Freeport-McMoRan as the worst emitter of toxic chemicals in the nation.

UT officials say the company has cleaned up its act, so to speak. UT President Robert Berdahl said the school doesn't judge the political correctness of a contributor. UT Students Blast Donor At His Home

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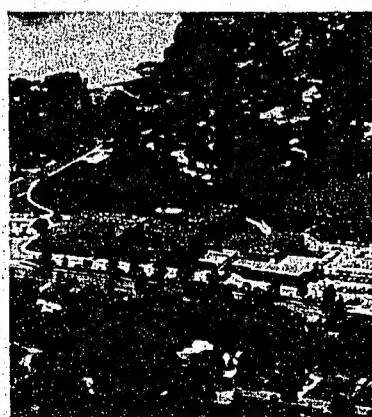
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•From Gingrich, page 1•

to which she said, "Yes, I am."

It was then that Gingrich decided to speak openly and actively on the behalf of equal rights for gays and lesbians, feeling that she had an opportunity and an obligation to raise the public's awareness concerning the lack of rights for gays and lesbians.

"I knew that by sharing my story I could make a difference," she said.

Conservative lobby groups such as the Christian Coalition have been telling Congress how to vote on gay and lesbian issues for years, Gingrich said. Since gays and lesbians are a large part of the "American family," she said, it is time for gays to let their own voice be heard.

"By coming-out you make the ultimate political statement. Coming-out really does make a difference."

•From Panther, page 1•

sex with corpses. She used Halloween as an example of people not seeing what is real or if they see it, being told by others they misunderstood what they saw.

She said the FBI went into the Franklin Credit Union to close it down for missing \$2 million, but it was actually \$40 million. She said the credit union was being used to launder drug money. She also said the Franklin Credit Union was satanic, beyond child pornography, included human sacri-

fice, and children were kidnapped and sold into sex slavery.

Maryum talked about a scientific experiment — "the 5 percent solution." She said that mice were given food and water and were allowed to populate. Five percent of the mice were injected with drugs. When returned to the other mice, "the 5 percent began to hang together" and "acted like a gang." They became violent, practiced cannibalism and molested the female mice, Maryum said.

"Some of our best minds are locked up. Don't think they're sitting here. We have some of the best minds incarcerated, but not by accident."

Maryum urged the audience not to take her word for the things she talked about. "Never take anyone's word," she said. Instead, she urged the audience to do research themselves.

At one point she asked the audience about the purpose of education.

She said that now people are too focused on themselves.

"Now it's all about me. Me getting my degree and going and making my money."

She said having a career is noble, but it's more noble to be concerned about the planet.

"You will be tested on this little time — on how you treat others."

Maryum urged the audience to look within themselves and ask, "What am I doing as an individual to help others and the world."

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early July.

The search to fill two other positions — dean of Business Administration and dean of Arts and Sciences — are in earlier stages.

Peck said the search committees has just begun to advertise for each of the dean positions. Peck said that they must advertise for a month to six weeks in order to get a large pool of applicants. He said it takes several weeks to get advertisements into a large selection of journals because some of the journals are weekly, some are monthly and some are biweekly.

Peck said the search committees tries to advertise broadly to get diverse gender and ethnic groups to apply as well as large numbers.

Peck said the applications should be in and ready for review by mid-November or early December. He said the applicant won't be ready for on-campus visits until January or February.

Peck said the search for the dean of Business Administration has just begun, he said he hopes to have both deans hired and working on campus by early July.




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